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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Harvesting has begun in the Grande Ronde valley.

La Grande is to have a liberty chorus of approximately 200 voices.

A \$60,000 cherry crop for the Milton-Freewater country has just been marketed.

Roseburg's new cannery began operations last week with a run on logan berries.

A septic tank for Pendleton's sewage will be constructed as soon as possible.

Thomas Reynolds, aged 15, was drowned in the Willamette river near Springfield.

The planing mill at Meacham, owned by J. D. Casey, burned to the ground with a loss of \$500.

Dallas will soon be almost a preacherless town, all the pastors but one leaving to engage in war work.

The 25th annual meeting of the Presbyterian synod of Oregon will meet at Eugene from July 23 to 26.

The coming session of the Oregon annual conference of the Methodist church will be held in Portland in September.

The first two cars of 1918 wheat from Umatilla county were shipped from Adams and Eastland stations last week by H. W. Collins.

Mayor Gates of Medford has issued an order prohibiting the use in public and private meetings of any alien enemy language in that city.

With the labor shortage so serious that farmers cannot handle the hay crop, young women have begun work in the fields in some parts of Linn county.

An average of almost 10 per cent of Oregon's clergy have either partly or wholly given up their church work and are now engaged in army or Y. M. C. A. work.

Pear orchards in the north end of Jackson county will net the growers a 90 per cent crop of good quality fruit, while the apple crop will average 55 per cent.

A break in the A line canal of the Umatilla project, near Hermiston, during a storm put the irrigation system on the project out of commission for two or three days.

After a week of persistent searching, the body of Vernon A. Forbes, who was drowned last Sunday evening in Crescent lake, about 70 miles south of Bend, was found.

Fuel dealers in Oregon who have not turned in their reports to the fuel administration have until July 18 to do so. After that their coal supplies will be cut off.

Twenty additional Oregon Agricultural college students and four faculty members, making 44 persons in all, were sent to the special 60-day training camp which will open at the Presidio July 18.

At the residence of S. P. Timberlake, in Newberg, the Roelofson clan gathered Sunday from all over Oregon for their annual reunion and picnic. There were nearly a hundred persons in attendance.

In the thirty-fifth week of the Storrs, Conn., test the "Oregon" from the agricultural college at Corvallis won the honors for the week with a remarkable yield of 63 eggs.

Since its inception, November 1, 1914, the industrial accident commission has disbursed \$3,404,837.45 out of receipts aggregating \$4,431,622.57, or had up to June 30 this year, according to the report for the fiscal year.

The large farmers' elevator at Bates station, two miles west of Milton, on the O. W. R. & N. tracks, is nearing completion and lacks only the installation of additional machinery to be ready for the annual harvest run.

Henry O'Malley, formerly in charge of Clackamas hatchery, has been promoted to the position of representative of the United States fish commission on the Pacific coast, with general supervision in that part of the country.

The Baker Commercial club has appealed for assistance from the government through Representative Sinnott to revive the Sumpter valley irrigation project, completion of which would water about 80,000 acres east of Baker.

The state game commission of Ohio is making an effort to get that state stocked with China pheasants. The Linn Ringneck Pheasant farm, of Albany, shipped 3000 pheasant eggs to the game commission there in the past few weeks.

Fire which broke out in the finishing shed of the Western Coeage company in St. Johns practically destroyed the shed, together with a large amount of the valuable machinery. The loss is estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Owing to the fact that but \$690,000 of the bond issue of \$1,500,000 asked of the capital issues committee by the state highway commission has been authorized, little if any new road construction will be undertaken in Klamath county this year.

Fishing on Rogue river is increasing in volume and a fleet of gasoline schooners, including the Gasoline, Tramp and Della, are transporting the pack to Coos bay for reshipment. The run will be heavy until the close of the season in August.

Ralph Horton, aged 23, of Prairie City, Grant county, was accidentally shot and killed near that place by Jesse Graham. Graham saw Horton in the brush and mistook him for a bear, firing with a high power rifle and killing him instantly.

Drilling for petroleum will start at Waldport soon. A company, which has options on 3000 acres of land in the vicinity of Waldport, has erected a derrick at a point one and one-half mile south of the city, and is prepared to drill to a depth of 1200 feet or more.

The state highway department has begun graveling the section of the Columbia river highway between Cascade Locks and Hood River. A distance of about 20 miles is to be gravelled at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The work was begun at Cascade Locks end.

Sergeant Porter W. Benedict and Corporal Henry F. Temple, of the Fourth company, Oregon Military Police, assisted by Federal and Klamath Falls police officials, arrested 29 men for violations of the liquor laws during a 10-day period in and about Klamath Falls.

Confident that it can pave the Salem-Aurora highway with a cheaper and better pavement than the paving companies, the highway commission is considering moving its paving plant to the project, and commencing operations in the spring, according to State Highway Engineer Nunn.

Governor Withycombe called the state tax commission together Monday for the purpose of taking up the question of how much extra money will be needed to conduct the state during the coming biennium over and above the amount that will be allowed under the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

Two trainmen were killed, one was injured seriously and the fourth had a marvelous escape from death when the bridge over the reservoir at River Mill, on the Estacada line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, collapsed as a section of a freight train was being moved across the structure.

Oregon has the lowest fire loss ratio of any state in the Union. In 1915 Oregon stood in sixth place in this regard and in a comparatively few years has jumped from the 42d to the first place of all the states. This is one of the outstanding statements in the annual report of Insurance Commissioner Wells just being issued.

Four persons were killed and three persons were injured when a fast livestock train on the O. W. R. & N. crashed into an automobile driven by Earl Nunn at the government crossing at Cascade Locks on the Columbia river highway. The dead are Earl Nunn, Mrs. Margaret Nunn, Frank Nunn, of Portland, and Wallace Price, of Eugene.

During the past week there were reported to the state industrial accident commission 626 accidents, of which four were fatal, as follows: Henry Walter, Portland, construction; Chas. Mitchell, North Portland, meat company; M. Moriya, Baker, lumbering; H. Brooks, near Hillsboro, non-trespasser, attempted to board moving train.

Promise that if the waters of Summer lake contain valuable mineral deposits they will be worked to their utmost is held out in communications received by Governor Withycombe from H. C. Pendleton, of Oakland, Cal., and referred by the governor to the state land board. Mr. Pendleton is now experimenting with samples of the waters.

Haiti Declares War on Hun. Port au Prince, Haiti.—The council of state, acting in accordance with the legislative powers given it under the new Haitian constitution, has unanimously voted the declaration of war upon Germany demanded by the president of the republic.

C. M. SCHWAB



Charles M. Schwab, Emergency Fleet director-general, who is on a tour of inspection of Pacific coast shipyards.

SERGEANT PUTNAM



Sergt. David E. Putnam, of Newton, Mass., reported to have downed five German airplanes in one day.

OVER 1,100,000 U. S. SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

Washington.—American troops overseas and on shipboard en route have passed the 1,100,000 mark, according to a statement of General March, chief of staff. This represents an increase of more than 90,000 since last week.

Three army corps of from 225,000 to 250,000 men each have been definitely organized from American divisions in France.

Major General Hunter Liggett, commanding the first (the Sunset) division, national guard, has been detailed as temporary commander of the first army corps. Commanders for the second and third have not yet been designated.

The 15 divisions comprising the corps, consisting of four regular, nine national guard and five national army divisional units, probably will compose the first army which, with supplemental army troops such as heavy artillery, will total a million men.

Instead of one field army on January 1, 1919, as originally planned, it now appears probable that two such armies will be operating in France by that date, backed by full American-built and maintained supply lines. The great project of establishing the American army as the right flank of the battle line will then be within sight.

PEACE DRIVE IS OPENED

Baron Burian, Austrian Foreign Minister, Defines Acceptable Terms.

Amsterdam.—Baron von Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has written a note to the Austrian and Hungarian premiers and the text of the document has been sent out from Vienna by way of Amsterdam.

What is apparently intended to be the outstanding feature of the note is an endorsement of four new points made in President Wilson's speech of July 4. Accompanying this is an adroit note of eulogy for Wilson in the statement that "nobody would refuse homage to his genius and nobody would refuse his co-operation."

"We are prepared to discuss everything," said Baron Burian, "except our own territory."

Baron Burian's statement was made in one of his periodical reports to the Austrian and Hungarian premiers.

Tobacco Rations Possible in America.

Washington.—Government control of the tobacco industry may result from the heavy requirements of the allies and the American military forces abroad. Rationing of the American population is believed to be a possibility.

This year has evidently started in to make a record, but if it keeps on steadily as it has begun, the world will only begin to realize what the strenuous life really means.

The boys in the cantonment have coined slang to fit the days. A girl who knits for herself is called a "pig knitter" and the officers who hang around the homes of the big noisies who have eligible daughters are called "parlor snakes."

ALLIES IN ALBANIA ADVANCE STEADILY

Rome.—Italian and allied troops in Albania and Macedonia have succeeded in perfecting a single front extending from the Adriatic sea to Saloniki on the Aegean sea, a distance of some 200 miles, according to the latest reports published here.

British monitors and Italian destroyers are co-operating with the Italian troops which are penetrating into the heart of Albania.

The French and Italians in Albania have carried their lines steadily northward. The town of Berat, the most important point in southern Albania, has fallen.

Official reports indicate that the advance of the French and Italians is reaching further and further east into the mountains and toward the rear of the Bulgarian positions around Monastir. Serbian positions near that city have been savagely attacked by the Bulgarians, who, after gaining a momentary foothold on the Serbian trenches, were driven out.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

Occupation of Berat and the capture of quantities of war materials and many prisoners by the advancing Italian army in Albania, were announced in an official dispatch from Rome.

In Albania the French and Italians are giving the enemy no rest, pressing him back daily, mile after mile, and capturing strategic positions and villages. The latest French official communication shows that the French troops have taken the villages of Narta and Gramshi, which brings their eastern flank appreciably nearer Lake Ochrida.

The Germans renewed their offensive on the western front Monday, violent attacks being made between Chateau Thierry and the Main de Massiges on both sides of the city of Rheims, the fighting extending over a front of about 50 miles. West of Rheims the Germans forced their way across the Marne at several places, but east of the city their gains were small.

American troops were involved in the fighting on several sectors and they successfully withstood the enemy. At Vaux they not only broke down a violent attack by the enemy, but drove him back several hundred yards. A spirited counter-attack carried out by the American troops drove back on the right bank of the Marne enemy contingents who had reached that bank southeast of Fosseoy. In the counter-attack between 1000 and 1500 Germans were made prisoner by the Americans. The captured contingents included a complete brigade staff.

The Americans, French and Italians have inflicted terrible losses on the enemy by the accuracy of their cannon, machine gun and rifle fire.

Although the allied troops seemingly have the situation well in hand, it is not improbable that the Germans soon will throw large numbers of reserves into the fray. They are known to have thousands of these men behind the battle line, especially northeast of Rheims.

Dancing Saturday night.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$41.75 ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$53 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76.
Hay—Timothy, \$31 per ton; alfalfa, \$25.50.
Butter—Creamery, 45c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 39c per dozen.
Potatoes—Burbanks, \$1.50@1.85 per hundred; new, 3 1/4 @ 3 1/2c per pound.
Poultry—Hens, 27@28c; broilers, 30@32c; ducks, young, 30c.

Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 49c per lb.
Eggs—Ranch, 44c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 35c; light, 35c; broilers, 40c; roosters, dressed, 26c; ducks, live 30c, dressed 34c; geese, live 27c, dressed 35c.

YANKES BREAK UP GERMAN ATTACK

Counter Attack Throws Enemy Back and Many Prisoners Are Captured.

With the American Army on the Marne.—A strong American counter-attack south of the Marne river beat completely upset the Germans, who broke in retreat.

The American troops drove the enemy back all the way to the railway skirting the Marne in the region southwest of Jaulgonne. This position now is being held.

The German prisoners captured in the counter-attack by the Americans at the bend of the Marne number between one thousand and fifteen hundred. They include a complete brigade staff.

French and American forces fighting together have recaptured the village of St. Agnan, Hill 223, to the northwest and the village of La Chapelle-Monthodon. They now hold heights dominating the Marne valley at various points.

American troops also recaptured Fossey and Crezancy, towns on the south bank of the Marne, taken by the Germans when they crossed the river.

Comparatively large forces of Americans have been engaged, especially in the region of Descriptive, where they were brought up to support the attacking French. Within a short period the Americans were hotly engaged in the fighting.

The defense of the Marne crossings by both the French and the American troops was magnificent and a number of vigorous counter attacks marked the fighting.

Paris.—In the desperate fighting which is reported in the official communication from the war office the American troops are given the credit for driving back the Germans who had succeeded in crossing the Marne southwest of Fossey.

The battle is proceeding furiously on various sectors along the whole 50-mile battle front in the Champagne, the French war office reported.

Fighting is particularly violent south of the Marne, where Americans, after clearing their own sector of Germans, are aiding the French to their right.

Other battles are proceeding between the Marne and Rheims, and east of Rheims. At no point have the Germans made considerable gains.

GERMANS ATTACK AMERICANS AT VAUX

With the American Army on the Marne.—The Germans at daylight Monday launched a violent attack against the American positions west of Chateau Thierry, especially near Vaux.

The attack came after a most violent bombardment of high explosives and gas shells throughout the night. The American troops sought shelter wherever it was available. When the enemy infantry appeared, the Americans swarmed out and met the attackers with a rain of machine gun bullets. The Americans wore their gas masks as they fought the attacking Germans.

Heavy shells from German naval guns fell in regions far behind the actual battle area, many of these projectiles having fallen in the city of Meaux, 25 miles from Chateau Thierry. Reports from American advance positions said that the American troops were "handling the enemy well" in the desperate fighting which is continuing.

Sugar Board Equalized. Washington.—To create the price of sugar to the consumer in the face of prospects for an increase due to a threatened shortage, and to secure better distribution, President Wilson created the sugar equalization board, on recommendation of Food Administrator Hoover.

Allies Owe U. S. Six Billion. Washington.—Great Britain has been granted an additional credit of \$175,000,000 by the treasury department, making the total loans to her, to date, \$3,345,000,000 and the total credits to the allies \$6,266,590,000.



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